Sl.No.	Name of the State	Allocation (Rs. in Crores)
30	Sikkim	0.00
31	Tripura	0.00
32	NHAI	3222.00
33	BRDB	150.00

Introduction of Metro Bus Service in Bangalore

1295. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has forwarded a proposal for approval of the Ministry to introduce Metro Bus Service in Bangalore;

(b) if so, whether Government would extend financial assistance to the project, the details thereof;

(c) whether any foreign technical assistance has been sought in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (d) This Ministry had received a proposal from Government of Karnataka seeking financial and technical assistance from Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) for the project relating to introduction of Metro Bus System in Bangalore city. The proposal has already been recommended to Department of Economic Affairs for taking up the matter with SIDA. This Ministry do not extend any financial assistance for such projects.

Conversion of State Highways into National Highways in Tamil Nadu

1296. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals pending with Government pertaining to conversions of State Highways to National Highways in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether a decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RTED.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) Out of 41 proposals relating to declaration of new National Highways in Tamil Nadu received during the Ninth Plan, 13 routes with approximate length of 1862 kms. were declared as new National Highways. Remaining proposals would be considered along with similar proposals received from other State Governments, after the finalisation of the 10th Five Year Plan and availability of funds keeping in view the traffic needs and *inter-se* priority.

Allocation for NHs in Assam

1297. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated and released by Government for construction, maintenance and repairing of various National Highways in the State of Assam during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(b) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RTED.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) The details of funds allocated to the Government of Assam for development and maintenance of various National Highways in the State and progress of expenditure made are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

	NH (Original Works)		NH (Maintenance and Repair)	
Year	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
2000-2001	52.00	49.24	47.79	48.37
2001-2002 (up to Jan. 2002)	68.26	42.22 (up to Jan. 2002)	33.99	14.69 (up to Jan. 2002)